Slide 1: FY 2025-2026 Virginia Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program

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Slide 2: Overview

* TAP Background
* TPB TAP Selection Process
* Virginia: Schedule + Project Recommendations

Slide 3: TA Set Aside Background

* PURPOSE: A federal formula program that provides funding to projects considered “alternatives” to traditional highway construction
* FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION
	+ MAP-21 (2012) – Established as the “Transportation Alternatives Program”
	+ FAST Act (2015) - Renamed “Transportation Alternatives Set- Aside”
	+ IIJA (2021) – Increased funding
* TPB ROLE: Large MPOs are sub-allocated funds and given the responsibility for selecting projects for those funds

Slide 4: Virginia: FY 2025-26 Schedule

* June 30, 2023
	+ Pre-application deadline
* October 3
	+ Application deadline
* Nov-Jan
	+ VDOT reviewed and scored applications scores
* Jan-Feb 2024
	+ TPB Selection Panel reviewed and scored applications
* Jan-Feb
	+ TPB staff coordinated with CTB Member Mary Hynes
* March 1
	+ Panel recommendations announced
* March 20
	+ TPB action

Slide 5: Virginia Project Selection

* VDOT’s Local Assistance Division oversees project solicitation & admin
* FY 2025-2026 project solicitation: May 2023 – October 2023
* Funds are split into three pots: CTB Districts, Large MPOs, & CTB statewide
* Diagram of process where VDOT score projects, MPO and CTB District Members review, score, and makes selections, and then CTB review remaining projects for statewide funds

Slide 6: TPB Selection Process

* Selection Panel included staff from DDOT, MDOT, and the TPB. Staff from VDOT served as a technical resource
* Panel members individually scored projects
	+ Professional assessment for 80 points
	+ Regional policies for 80 points
	+ Total score of 160 points
* The selection panel used the average scores as a basis for discussion. However, the final recommendations were based on consensus.

Slide 7: Regional Policies Criteria

* Expanding Multimodal Transportation Options for Non-Drivers
* Supporting Regional Activity Centers
* Completing the National Capital Trail Network
* Access to High-Capacity Transit
* Increased Access in Equity Emphasis Areas
* Safe Routes to School
* Increased Access for People with Disabilities

Slide 8: FY 2025-26 Project Recommendations

* 24 applications were received representing a total funding request of $38,866,422.
* Total funding for TPB and CTB District Member is $23,600,000
	+ TPB suballocation: $19,500,00
	+ CTB Member Mary Hynes’ suballocation: $4,100,000
* TPB Selection panel and Ms. Hynes are jointly recommending funding 15 projects for a total of $22,277,921.
* We are still determining recommendations for the use of the remaining surplus.

Slide 9: Project Recommendations

* •Alexandria
	+ Safe Routes to School Curb Extensions
	+ $1,870,935
* Fairfax Co
	+ Shrevewood ES SRTS
	+ $1,140,000
* Fairfax Co
	+ FCPS Non-Infrastructure SRTS Program
	+ $276,000
* Manassas Park
	+ Manassas Drive Sidewalk Improvements
	+ $1,378,251
* Prince William Co
	+ Graham Park Road Sidewalk
	+ $2,500,000
* Fairfax City
	+ Fern Street Neighborhood Connection
	+ $285,119
* Fairfax City
	+ Chain Bridge Road Shared Use Path
	+ $2,098,314
* Fairfax Co
	+ Lake Braddock SRTS
	+ $356,425
* Purcellville
	+ G Street Sidewalk Improvements
	+ $1,485,487
* Fairfax Co
	+ Bush Hill ES SRTS
	+ $700,000
* Herndon
	+ Central Elden Walkability Improvements
	+ $2,500,000
* Prince William Co
	+ Colchester Road Sidewalk
	+ $2,500,000
* Lovettsville Town
	+ N Berlin Pike Shared Use Path
	+ $2,500,000
* Prince William Co
	+ Lions Field Road Sidewalk
	+ $2,500,000
* Lovettsville
	+ East Broad Way Sidewalk
	+ $187,390

Slide 10: Examples

Slide 11: Graham Park Road Sidewalk

* $2,500,000 – Prince William County
* Constructs a 1,624-foot sidewalk gap including crosswalks and ADA curb ramps along the front of Graham Park Middle School
* Serves students walking to and from school and residents of garden apartments across the street in an Equity Emphasis Area
* Supports and implements the sidewalk portion of the Graham Park Road Diet, an RRSP study funded by the TPB in 2021

Slide 12: N Berlin Pike Shared Use Path

* $2,500,000 – Town of Lovettsville
* Constructs an ADA compliant 10-foot wide shared use path with an 8-foot grass buffer, improving pedestrian and bicyclist safety and comfort where no facilities currently exist
* Continues building out the National Capital Trail Network as a planned trail in that system
* Provides active transportation facilities between housing developments and Lovettsville Town Square

Slide 13: Safe Routes to School Curb Extensions

* $1,870,935 – City of Alexandria
* Safety and visibility improvement project for six intersections near four schools across Alexandria
* Includes new curb extensions (“bulbouts”), crosswalks, median refuges, and ADA curb ramps, which collectively shorten crossing distances and slow turning vehicles
* Schools are in/near 3 different Regional Activity Centers and within ~1/2 mile of 3 different High Capacity Transit Stations
* Builds upon 2017 SRTS Walk Audits

Slide 14: Manassas Dr Sidewalk Improvements

* $1,378,251 – City of Manassas Park
* Significantly improves pedestrian connectivity between Park Central (recent mixed-use development) and Manassas Park VRE Station
* Builds a crucial sidewalk link across the railroad tracks, connecting higher-density communities on either side
* Provides a new ADA accessible connection to the train station
* Implements recommendations from the FY2023 TLC Active Transportation Plan for Manassas Park

Slide 15: Next Steps

* Finalize recommendations
* Seek TPB approval on March 21, 2024

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